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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to examination of the present Application, Applicant respectfully requests that the above-identified prior application be amended as follows:

In the Specification:

Please amend the specification as follows:

On page 9, delete the 4th, 5th and 6th paragraphs, and replace these paragraphs with the following in accordance with 37 CFR § 1.121. A marked up version showing changes is attached:

Figure 9. Shared amino acid sequence homology of MKK1 SEQ ID NO: 2 and csk SEQ ID NO: 7.

Figures 10A and 10B SEQ ID NOS 4, 8-10 respectively, in order of appearance.
Shared amino acid sequence homology of MKK2 and atk/btk.

Figures 11A, 11B, 11C and 11D SEQ ID NOS 6, 11-19, respectively, in order of appearance.
